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Another test for freshmen

THE DEPARTMENT of Education is requiring all first-year public high school students to take the second High School Readiness Test on Aug. 31.

"HSRT2 aims to identify the students who will be strongly advised and encouraged to go into the bridge program," said Undersecretary Ramon Bacani in a memo dated Aug. 17.

The bridge program was supposed to add a year of high school for students found wanting in English, Science and Math.

But because of strong opposition from parents and teachers, the DepEd made the program optional this school year.

Bacani said HSRT 2 would also check if the students had improved in English, Science and Math after two months in high school. *Dona Z. Pazzibugan*

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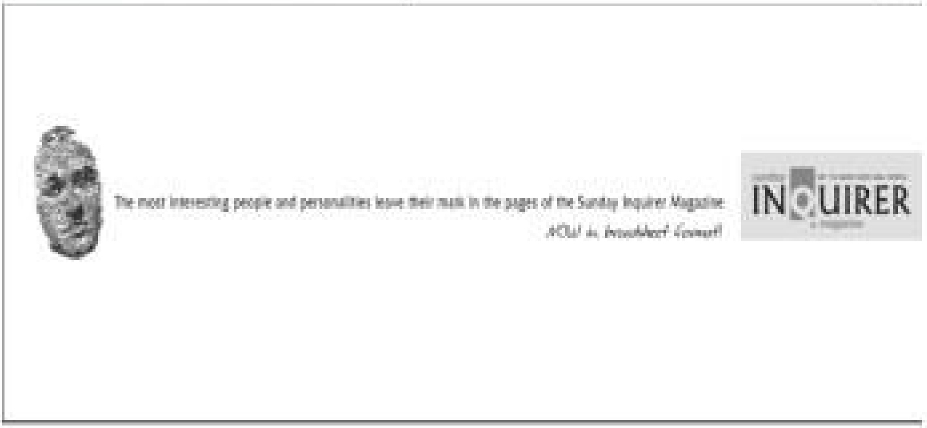
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Hometown favorite

'She came so close'

Grimacing in pain





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Editor: Lorenzo B. Ziálcita

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World more peaceful despite war headlines

By Charles J. Hanley

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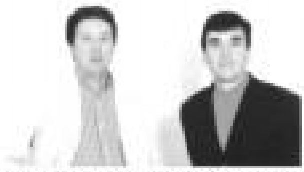
End of Cold War

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2 French journalists kidnapped

Iraqi abductors demand France rescind head scarf ban

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KIDNAPPED French reporter Georges Malbrunot (right) of Le Figaro newspaper and French radio reporter Christian Chesnot of Radio France Internationale (RFI).

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Eagles down Falcons, clinch first UAAP Final Four ticket

Stags start uphill climb



Cry no more

Victories in basketball, foo

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1,200 policemen involved in illegal drugs—Aglipay

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A more telling experience was shared by an alumnus, Karl Limson, 12. He recounted that, travelling unaccompanied one day when he was still in high school, he was arrested for jaywalking at the Edsa-Shaw crossing because the sign "Bawal Tumawid Dito" meant nothing to him.

The traffic officer realized soon enough that he was dealing with a deaf person. So he slapped no fines on Karl, but merely scribbled something on a piece of paper and gave it to the boy by way of pardoning him.

"Problem was, he also wrote it in Filipino!" a smiling Karl said in sign language.

Gertie Fermin, the teacher facilitating the interview, recounted a disturbing incident. "Years ago, I heard about a Grade 6 pupil who entered somebody else's yard without understanding the sign on the gate."

The sign was "Mag-ingat sa Aso (Beware of Dog)," she said. "Naturally, the dog chased her."

Help on the way

According to Fermin, educators for the deaf have already devised Filipino Sign Language or FSL, which she hoped would help.

She said FSL would help in making basic Filipino terms readily comprehensible, including words for ugly or beautiful, expensive or cheap, many or none, empty or full. Also, the equivalents of such common phrases, such as "Good morning" and "Thank you."

But, Fermin lamented, try to convey Filipino synonyms for "love," such as "pag-ibig" and especially the more poetic "pag-irog" or "pagsinta," and the students would surely have a hard time.

Only recently, she said, she also found that some of the children didn't know the meaning of "pinggan (plate)" and "baso (drinking glass)."

Sure, they can read even multisyllabic Filipino words, but only "phonetically and with poor comprehension," said Fermin's fellow teacher, Jojie Alcantara.

The two warned that this could pose "some difficulties," as the students' experiences had illustrated.

And so today according to Fermin, Said students will mark "Buwan ng Wika" and show their appreciation of the national language through some sort of a talent show.

They will act out comic strips that they themselves drew and wrote in a presentation dubbed "Kariktura." The performers will depict campus life—secret crushes, classroom pranks, teenage problems—and deliver the all-Filipino dialogue in sign language.

That's definitely more than paying lip service to the nationwide celebration of the native tongue.



POLICE Director General Edgar Aglipay trims the hair of a Manila policeman during formation at the Quirino Grandstand.

Manila policemen taught lessons in good grooming

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Reliving his days as a soldier, Interior Secretary and former Armed Forces Chief of Staff Angelo Reyes ordered the jittery policemen to "stand at attention" during the inspection.

Senior superintendents down to police officers 1 (patrolmen) came under the full scrutiny of Reyes, Aglipay and Velasco.

Returning glory days

"It is said that wherever Manila goes, the entire Philippines follows. By extension, it could be said that where the WPD goes, the PNP follows," said Director Avelino Razon Jr., National Capital Region Police Office chief, addressing the men and women in formation.

"It [the WPD] has witnessed its glory reach the zenith but somehow [this] faded through the years. Today, we commit to you that we shall regain the old glory of our police forces," said Razon, once a director of the 103-year-old WPD.

He told the Inquirer: "We have to do this to win back the respect of the people. We all have to look clean and presentable all the time."

Part of the campaign is to require all officers to wear the "general office attire," the official uniform worn previously only by junior officers. The attire includes the PNP blue shirts, matching navy blue pants, black socks and shoes, and overseas cap.

Manila's Finest

Aglipay began the inspection at the WPD, once dubbed Manila's Finest and considered the most important of the five police districts in Metro Manila. It has jurisdiction over security around Malacañang.

Next Sunday, Aglipay and other top PNP officials will conduct a rank inspection at the Central Police District, the police office in charge of Quezon City. Other police districts will follow on succeeding Sundays. There will be similar inspections in the provinces.

Among the highlights of every inspection is the awarding of "lanyards" to outstanding policemen, especially those able to arrest street criminals.

Razon said even senior NCRPO officials—himself included—would have to compete for the lanyard, a blue and gold rope tied around an officer's uniform sleeves.

"That means I myself would have to catch a snatcher," he said.

Calling the WPD the country's best police force, Razon dared its men and women to be models for the rest of Metro Manila's police forces.

24-hour police visibility

Razon has launched a 100-day program of action for the entire NCRPO calling for stricter discipline and improvement in the skills of police officers.

Foremost in his checklist is a crackdown on "kotong cops" or police officers involved in extortion.

"We have internal intelligence for that. We will monitor our own men reported to be involved in kotong," said WPD spokesperson Gerry Agsaoid.

Wider, round-the-clock police visibility is also called for.

Apart from the patrolmen, Agsaoid said, ranking officials at headquarters and police stations will be required to pound the beat.

"There will be more policemen on the streets during rush hours, and they will be posted in more public areas, including markets and churches, and in establishments like banks and hotels," Agsaoid said.

And while they are on duty, the police officers will be required to sport their "gupit-binata" haircuts and don their official uniforms.

Agsaoid is confident that the WPD's makeover into a model police force can be done. "We have to. Those who will not comply may look for another job convenient to them," he said.

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BUENAVISTA

Hot start for Reyes, Pagulayan



REYES



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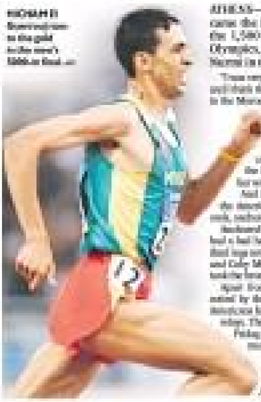
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Malabon eyes closed dump

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Pinoys all agog over billiards

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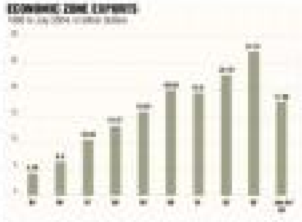


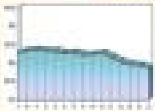
Athens electrified by US pool stars



Hawks pick up 64th win in a row

Ecozone exports surge 21.5% to $17.86B





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WB loan eyed to fund gov't streamlining

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Tighter screening of appointments to SSS, GSIS pushed

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE GOVERNMENT'S economic managers are pushing for a tighter screening of board appointments in pension funds Social Security System and the Government Service Insurance System as part of a master plan to boost the sluggish Philippine financial sector.

In a press briefing on the administration's reform agenda to boost the banking system and develop the capital markets Friday night, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas officer-in-charge Amando Tetangco Jr. said the country must address the poor financial health of the SSS and GSIS.

Tetangco noted the fragile financial position of these state-owned pension funds that, in turn, has been causing wider funding gaps and declining confidence.

He said the Department of Finance was drafting a more stringent criteria in the selection of SSS and GSIS board members to be submitted to Malacañang.

"We will introduce a clear set of credentials or qualifications that will become the basis for the appointments to the boards of SSS and GSIS," Tetangco said.

Finance Undersecretary Eric Recto said the criteria, similar to the "fit and proper" rule adopted by the Monetary Board for bank directors, would be over and above the minimum criteria prescribed by the respective charters of the pension funds.

Tetangco said the administration also recommended some:

- to clearly outline the regulations to diversify and further improve the management of pension funds; and
- to provide legislation that will allow SSS to increase members' contribution to narrow the funding gap.

With these reforms, the economic managers seek to avoid a repetition of what happened during the Estrada regime, when funds of the SSS and GSIS were used for market intervention to shore up stocks and to influence mergers and acquisitions in the country.

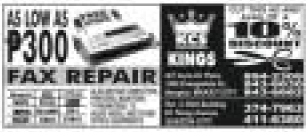
The Financial Sector Restructuring and Reform Agenda presented last Friday was part of the four imperatives of the Arroyo administration, specifically pertaining to the job creation and economic growth package.

The government aims to take steps closely based on international best practices, namely greater enforcement powers, provide sufficient legal protection to regulators and facilitate the recovery of financial distressed enterprises to promote a stronger and more stable financial system.

The proposed legislative measures that will support this objective are:

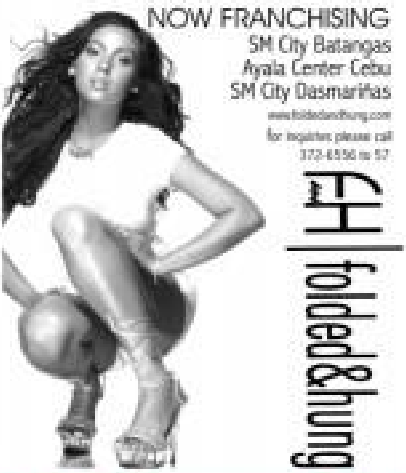
- amendments to the BSP Charter to strengthen its supervisory powers;
- a Credit Reporting Bill to permit information sharing to protect investors and lenders;
- a Corporate Recovery Act to modernize and clarify the rules for debt restructuring and recovery;
- a Pre-Need Bill [illegible]

Telcos deplore fly-by-night carriers











Tighter…



GMA'S STATE VISIT

RP, China set to discuss 'early harvest' agreement

RCBC sells stake in SCCP to exchange



Skyway driver

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No Free Lunch



Cielito F. Habito

The crisis is here

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Hernando C. General

Smart offers new SMS service

Gov't taps Asian state companies for oil, gas exploration projects

By Abigail L. Ho

Napocor sales up 2.22% in first 6 months

Electronics industry posts 8% growth

LIFESTYLE
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Seduction in Quiapo

ALL ART
Ana Zobel, Jr.



The old Manila district never ceases to charm and enchant

EVERYTIME I am stuck in traffic on a Friday, people will say, "Ay, Quiapo kasi!" By this they mean that traffic is heavy because of all the devotees going to Quiapo to pray to the image of the Black Nazarene, for Friday is the Nazarene's day. Of course, foreigners like to point out, Manila traffic conditions are miserable all throughout the week!





THE OCAMPO Pan-Asian style mansion





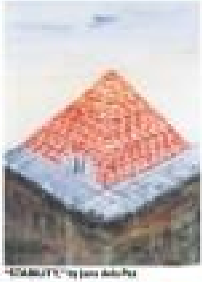


GRANDEES: Raul Roco Jr., Jes Evangelista, Honey Bansil, Jano dela Paz and Norly Meimban



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By Constantino C. Tejero



Playing with color



Line and perspective



Tone and texture

Reactionary art-making

The art scene welcomes new colors, fresh perspectives

Point of abstraction

Seduction in Quiapo



From Taal to Laoag . . .



ONE of the more elegant provincial capitols built during the American era, the Pangasinan Provincial Capitol in Lingayen is being restored to its original glory.



Structural homogeneity is the main factor behind opposition to replacing the Laoag Cathedral's original wooden roof trusses with modern steel trusses.



LEGARDA Elementary School in Sampaloc, Manila, designed by the renowned architect Andrés Luna de San Pedro in 1922, is probably the most architecturally picturesque school in the country.

From Taal to Laoag, heritage issue rages

HERITAGE conservation has been a give-and-take affair so far. The Jai Alai building in Manila was one of the major losses. But it was a turning point; its loss made many Filipinos aware of their endangered heritage.

Behind each heritage disaster in the country that gets front-page report is some success story that goes unreported. Public awareness of what is happening to our heritage is central to the campaign. So this is an update to inform the public of what is happening, positively or negatively, in the heritage sector.

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon

Heritage schoolhouse restoration. The program provides funds for the Department of Education to restore a heritage schoolhouse per region. The restored buildings primarily add much-needed classroom while allowing teachers and students to reconnect with the unique history of one of the oldest government agencies in nation-building.

DepEd commissioned the Heritage Conservation Society to provide the historical research, architectural, engineering and construction management for the restoration.

The Rizal Elementary School (built 1907) in Bacolod was completely restored and inaugurated last June. The Baguio Central School (1909) will be restored in November. The Pampanga High School in San Fernando (1908) and the Legarda Elementary School in Manila (designed by the renowned architect Andrés Luna de San Pedro in 1922) are to be completely restored in 2005.

Student awareness is part of the program. HCS commissions history, architecture, and engineering students, as well as writers and photographers, to participate in the conservation. Participating schools are La Consolacion College in Bacolod, the University of the Philippines (Diliman) and Saint Louis University in Baguio, and the University of Santo Tomas for the Pampanga High School.

Illegal construction at the St. Martin of Tours Basilica, Taal, Batangas. The late parish priest of Taal, Batangas, ordered the construction of a perpetual adoration chapel in one of the light wells in the courtyard adjoining the Basilica of Saint Martin of Tours, a monument under the jurisdiction of the National Historical Institute. The construction continued despite his untimely death.

The NHI convened a panel of experts who concluded on Aug. 20 that the construction violated PD 1505 and was illegal.

The builders obtained no written permission from NHI previous to the construction. The panel recommended that the new structure "should be demolished and all traces of it on the ground should be removed."

It further pointed out that "aside from conserving buildings of historical significance, it is also necessary to conserve spaces within and around the buildings as originally designed. Such spaces influence the visual impact of the building and the quality of its environment."

However, CHARM, an NGO of Taaleños advocating the preservation of their town, has offered to construct a new adoration chapel that follows the recommendation of the NHI panel in a place to be agreed upon by the NHI and the parish.

Restoration of the Pangasinan capitol in Lingayen. The Pangasinan provincial government commissioned conservation architect René Luis Mata to restore its elegant Beaux Arts style Capitol building (1917). One wing has been completed, showing the painstakingly detailed restoration. Restoration of the rest of the building is in progress.

Plans are now being prepared to restore Malong Boulevard to its original design. It was designed during the American era as a wide pathway to lead from the center of Lingayen to the seaside capitol.

Preparation of Dagupan heritage conservation plan. The Dagupan City Council voted for the preparation of the "Urban Heritage Conservation and Management Program for Dagupan City." When the plan is completed, Dagupan will be among the first cities in the country that will have an actual plan that identifies its architectural heritage sites and defines preser-

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REYNALDO Reyes.

Reynaldo Reyes, awesome virtuoso

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UST Symphony opens concert series at CCP

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WRITER and performance artist [illegible]

Poetess launches book of poetry and CD of songs

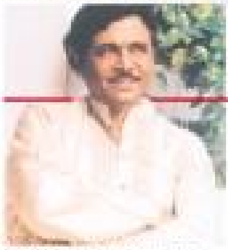
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Lecture-forum on Filipino language across the disciplines

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LIFESTYLE

Asian apostle of the great books



SAYEED believes that an enlightened society requires enlightened citizens.

Abdullah Abu Sayeed of Bangladesh, 2004 Ramon Magsaysay honoree for Literature, promotes reading and learning

Author

Spotlight on 'Calvin and Hobbes' author



BILL Watterson's comic strip, "Calvin and Hobbes," is the engaging chronicle of a 6-year-old's psyche. The strip, first syndicated in 1985, was carried in more than 2,400 newspapers when it ceased publication in 1996.

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Big book launching marks New Day's 35th year

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